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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Grants Guidebook



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Dear Friend,

In February 2009, Congress passed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, a nationwide effort to create jobs and transform many parts of the nation's economy. This economic stimulus package will invest over \$900 million dollars to revitalize the Maine economy, and will create or save over 15,000 in the state over the next two years.

Much of the resources will come back to the state, towns, and families through existing programs - local schools, unemployment insurance, transportation infrastructure projects, energy efficiency, payments to Social Security beneficiaries and veterans, Medicaid and SCHIP health care, Economic Development Administration, and more.

The Act also creates competitive grant processes to help businesses in several targeted areas - energy, housing, and small business loans. In addition, individuals and businesses are eligible for new or expanded tax credits.

I have appointed Jackie Potter to serve as the Economic Recovery Czar to help Mainers with all issues related to the Recovery Act. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact her in our Portland office at 207-774-5019.

The information below has been compiled about the programs and grants being funded as the information has become available from President Obama's Administration.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chellie', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

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Transportation

Highway Improvement Programs

Amount: \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub-allocated by population areas.

Agency: State departments of transportation

Purpose: For transportation projects, including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.

Website: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Contact: Ms. Lana Hurdle
Acting Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
202-366-9192

Transit Capital Assistance

Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Description: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities.

Website to find state

and district #s: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Contact: Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
1-866-377-8642
TTY: 1-800-877-8339
VCO: 1-877-877-6280

Fixed Guideway Modernization

Amount: \$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html

Contact: Federal Transit Administration
East Building

1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
1-866-377-8642
TTY: 1-800-877-8339
VCO: 1-877-877-6280

Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.

Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html

Contact: Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
1-866-377-8642
TTY: 1-800-877-8339
VCO: 1-877-877-6280

Transit Capital Assistance - Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Contact: Federal Transit Administration
East Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
1-866-377-8642
TTY: 1-800-877-8339
VCO: 1-877-877-6280

National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.

Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: <http://www.dot.gov/>
http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/

Contact: U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
202-366-4000

Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0016
207 624-3000
Fax: 207 624-3001

Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.

Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>
<http://www.grants.gov>

Contact: 1-800-518-4726

Capital Grants to Amtrak

Amount: \$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements.

Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the NE corridor.

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars).

Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>
<http://www.amtrack.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

Contact: Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion.

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Contact: Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20591
1-866-TELL-FAA

Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems

Amount: \$200 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system - \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers - \$50 million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS - \$80 million, install airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment - \$20 million.

Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Contact: Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20591
1-866-TELL-FAA

Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards

Amount: \$100 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose: Grants for investments and improvements.
Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>
Contact: U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Maine Department of Transportation
<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/recovery/index.htm>

Environment (Water, Environmental Cleanup, and Army Corps of Engineers)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Amount: \$4 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
Agency: Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017
207-287-7688 or (800) 452-1942
Fax: 207-287-7826
TTY (Hearing Impaired) (800) 492-0859
Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.
Activities: Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>
Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Wastewater Management (4204M)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Amount: \$2 billion included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.
Agency: State departments of public health or environmental protection
Provisions: Directs priority funding to projects on state priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction within 12 months of enactment.

Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for states to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest.

Activities: Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>

Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Wastewater Management (4204M)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up

Amount: \$100 million was included for Brownfields projects.

Type: Low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer>

Contact: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
Mail Code 5105 T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
202-566-2777
Fax: 202-566-2757

State Of Maine's Brownfields Program
207-287-2651 or 207-287-7716
e-mail: JEAN.M.FIRTH@MAINE.GOV

Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup

Amount: \$600 million

Administrator: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Provisions: Funds will be limited to the 1,255 sites on its National Priority List of Superfund remedial sites. The Superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/index.htm> ([Visit for a list of eligible projects in your district](#))

Contact: US Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
Mail Code 5105 T
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
202-566-2777
Fax: 202-566-2757

Diesel Emission Reduction Program

Amount: \$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.

Type: Competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with approved programs.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions that improve air quality and protect public health.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>
www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery>

Webform: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>

Contact: EPA New England Customer Call Center
1-888-372-7341

U.S. EPA, Region 1
J.F.K. Federal Building
One Congress Street, Suite 1100
Mailcode: HBO
Boston, MA 02114-2023
617-918-1311
Fax: 617-918-1291

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust

Amount: \$200 million

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program (administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/ltffacts.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/wheruliv.htm> (Visit for a list of eligible projects and contacts in your state/district)

Contact: Contracts and Grants Management
Lynn DePont
Email: depont.lynn@epa.gov
703- 603-7148

U.S. EPA, Region 1
J.F.K. Federal Building
One Congress Street, Suite 1100
Mailcode: HBO
Boston, MA 02114-2023
617-918-1311
Fax: 617-918-1291

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management
Underground Storage Tank Program
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

207-287-2651
Fax: 207-287-7826

UST/LUST Program: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ust/index.htm>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Construction

Amount: \$2 billion was included for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.

Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.
Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> -- to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans
Contact: Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000
Contracting Telephone: 202-761-0567

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

Amount: \$2 billion was included U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities.
Type: Funding will be provided to existing Corps projects.
Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Description: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.
Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/RECOVERY/Pages/default.aspx> (for updates and information on contracting and biz opportunities)
<http://www.usace.army.mil/ABOUT/Pages/Locations.aspx> to find regional contacts who can provide a list of projects/plans
Contact: Headquarters, US Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314-1000
Contracting Telephone: 202-761-0567

Bureau of Reclamation - Clean Drinking Water Fund

Amount: \$1 billion
Type: Grants based on priority ranking system.
Agency: Bureau of Reclamation
Purpose: Provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural areas and to ensure adequate water supply to western localities impacted by drought.
Website: <http://www.usbr.gov/>
Contact: Bill McDonald
Acting Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240-0001
202-513-0501

Watershed Infrastructure

Amount: \$340 million
Type: Grants based on priority ranking system.
Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service
Purpose: Watershed improvement programs to design and build flood protection, water quality projects, repair aging dams, and purchase and restore conservation easements in river flood zones.
Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/implementation.html>
Contact: USDA, NRCS, Deputy Chief for Programs

14th and Independence Ave. SW, Room 5109-S
Washington, DC 20250
202-720-4527
Fax: 202-720-655

Rural Water and Waste Disposal

Amount: \$1.38 billion
Type: Grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Administrators
Purpose: Help communities fund drinking water and wastewater treatment systems.
Website: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/states/usamap.htm>
Contact: USDA Rural Development
Water and Environmental Programs Staff
P.O. Box 405
Bangor, ME 04402
207-990-9173
207-990-9165

Valarie Flanders (Acting State Director)
Email: valarie.flanders@me.usda.gov

Energy

State Energy Efficiency Programs

Amount: \$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program.
Type: States receive funding through a formula.
Purpose: States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
Contact: Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04330
207- 287 8927

U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
202-586-7377

Weatherization Assistance Program

Amount: \$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500.
Type: States receive funding through a formula.
Description: Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge.
Purpose: To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
Website: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/>
Contact: Jo-Ann Choate
Program Manager, Energy and Housing Services
Maine State Housing Authority
353 Water Street

Augusta, ME 04330-4633
207- 626-4600
Fax: 207-626-4678
Email: jchoate@mainehousing.org

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

- Amount:** \$3.2 billion was included for EECBG.
- Type:** Competitive grants to government entities.
- Office:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy
- Purpose:** To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities.
- Description:** Assists states and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.
- Website:** http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm
- Contact:** Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04330
207- 287-8927
- U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

- Amount:** \$16.8 billion was included for EERE.
- Type:** Competitive grants available to private sector, state and local governments, national labs, and universities.
- Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy
- Programs:** 10 energy programs, including the Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen, Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program.
- Website:** www.eere.energy.gov/
- Contact:** U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Biomass Program

Amount: \$800 million to be dedicated to projects related to biomass.
Type: Competitive grants
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Activities: For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels.
Website: www.eere.energy.gov/biomass
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Geothermal Technologies Program

Amount: \$400 million to be dedicated for geothermal activities and projects.
Type: Competitive grants
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Activities: Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems.
Website: www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Advanced Battery Manufacturing

Amount: \$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants to support the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components.
Type: Competitive grants to domestic manufacturing facilities
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Activities: For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers.
Website: www.eere.energy.gov
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

Amount: \$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program.
Type: Competitive grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.
Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies.

Activities: Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant is also eligible.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Transportation Electrification

Amount: \$400 million for Transportation Electrification grant projects.

Type: Competitive grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities.

Office: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)
1-877-EERE-INF (1-877-337-3463)

Smart Grid Investment Program

Amount: \$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program.

Type: Regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states.

Office: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.

Website: www.oe.energy.gov
www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
National Energy Technology Laboratory
626 Cochrans Mill Road
P.O. Box 10940
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940

Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Amount: \$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program.

Type: Competitive grants and contracts

Office: Office of Fossil Energy

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.

Website: www.fossil.energy.gov

Contact: Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
202-586-1411
Fax: 202-586-1472

Physics Research Science Program

Amount: \$1.6 billion was included for the science program.

Type: Competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories.

Office: Office of Science

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy sciences.

Website: www.science.doe.gov
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>

Contact: Office of Science
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)

Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

Amount: \$400 million included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E).

Type: Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purposes: To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy.

Website: www.energy.gov

Contact: Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
202-586-1411
Fax: 202-586-1472
Email: OEwebmaster@hq.doe.gov

Innovative Technology Loan

Amount: \$6 billion

Type: Loan guarantees to eligible applicants including any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-federal entity that meets specific guidelines.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies.

Website: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

Contact: Loan Guarantee Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy CF 1.3
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington D.C. 20585
202-586-8336
Fax: 202-586-7366

Nuclear Waste Environmental Cleanup

Amount: \$5.127 billion
Type: Awards based on priorities established by the U.S. Department of Energy.
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose: Accelerate nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities.
Website: <http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/siteslocations.aspx?PAGEID=MAIN>
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington D.C. 20585
1-800-dial-DOE (1-800-342-5363)

Transmission Loan Guarantees

Amount: \$4 billion
Type: Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies.
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Purposes: Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects.
Website: www.eere.energy.gov
<http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>
Contact: Loan Guarantee Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy CF 1.3
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington D.C. 20585
202-586-8336
Fax: 202-586-7366

Research into Low-Emission Coal Plants

Amount: \$800 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy - Pittsburgh Office
626 Cochran's Mill Road
P.O. Box 10940
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940
412-386-4687

Industrial Carbon Capture and Energy Efficiency Improvement Projects

Amount: \$1.52 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Website: www.netl.doe.gov
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy - Pittsburgh Office
626 Cochran's Mill Road
P.O. Box 10940

Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940
412-386-4687

Grants for Identifying Sites to Store Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Amount: \$50 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov>
Contact: U.S. Department of Energy - Pittsburgh Office
626 Cochran Mill Road
P.O. Box 10940
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940
412-386-4687

Training of Electric Grid Workers

Amount: \$100 million
Type: Grants to states; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' groups, and state and local governments.
Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Website: www.oe.energy.gov
<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>
Contact: Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
202-586-1411
Fax: 202-586-1472
Email: OEwebmaster@hq.doe.gov

Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Amount: \$1.6 billion
Type: Tax-credit bonds for state, local, tribal governments, public power providers, and electric cooperatives.
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Purposes: Create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects.
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>
Contact: Internal Revenue Service
220 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, ME 04106
207-879-4683

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Amount: \$2.4 billion
Type: Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures.
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Description: Very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns.
Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html>

Contact: Internal Revenue Service
220 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, ME 04106
207-879-4683

Housing

Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs Grants

Amount: \$4 billion

Type: \$3 billion - states receive funding through a formula; \$1 billion for competitive grants.

Office: Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401-4919
207-945-0467
Fax: (207) 945-0533

Homelessness Prevention Fund

Amount: \$1.5 billion

Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula.

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Funding provides short-term homeless prevention assistance to those losing their housing.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401-4919
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Community Development Block Grants

Amount: \$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities.

Type: States and localities receive funding through a formula.

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funding for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those hit hard by tough economic times.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
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Fax: (207) 945-0533

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Amount: \$2 billion

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
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207-945-0467
Fax: (207) 945-0533

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Amount: \$100 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
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Fax: (207) 945-0533

Native American Housing

Amount: \$510 million for rehabilitation and energy efficiency upgrades at housing maintained by Native American housing programs.

Type: \$255 Million through a formula, \$255 Million for competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include Indian tribes or tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) eligible to receive funding under NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401-4919
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Fax: (207) 945-0533

HOME Investment Partnership Program

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds provided state and local governments to create and rehabilitate affordable housing.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

HUD Recovery

State Formulas: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
Bangor, ME 04401-4919
207-945-0467
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Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

Amount: \$2.25 billion

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to State housing credit allocation agencies.

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Bangor Field Office
202 Harlow Street, Suite 101
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Fax: (207) 945-0533

Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Amount: \$5 billion

Type: States receive funding through a formula

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds to assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/doe_guidelines.cfm

State Contact

Info: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts.cfm

Contact: Energy and Housing Services
Maine State Housing Authority
353 Water Street
Augusta, ME 04330-4633
207-626-4651
Fax: 207-626-4678

Rural Housing Insurance Fund

Amount: \$200 million

Type: Direct and guaranteed loans

Agency: USDA - Rural Development - Rural Housing Service

Description: Funds to insure or guarantee rural housing loans for single-family homes, rental and cooperative housing, and rural housing sites.

Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/>

Forms: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/regs/formstoc.html>

Contact: Scarborough Area USDA Rural Development Office
306 US Route 1, Suite B-1
Scarborough, ME 04074-9774
207- 883-0159
Fax: 207-883-2740/3460

Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>
Contact: Scarborough Area USDA Rural Development Office
306 US Route 1, Suite B-1
Scarborough, ME 04074-9774
207- 883-0159
Fax: 207-883-2740/3460

Small Business / Economic Development

Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

Amount: \$375 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Provision: Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans.
Purpose: To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/>
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>
Contact: Small Business Administration
Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, Room 512
68 Sewall Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-8551

Small Business Administration - 504 Loan Program

Amount: \$375 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description: Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html>
<http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/index.html>
Contact: Small Business Administration
Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, Room 512
68 Sewall Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-8551

Business Stabilization Program

Amount: \$225 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description: To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns which have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship.

Website: www.sba.gov
Contact: Small Business Administration
Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, Room 512
68 Sewall Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-8551

Economic Development Assistance

Amount: \$150 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration

Description: Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring.

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>
Contact: Philadelphia Regional Office
U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
Curtis Center, Suite 140 South
601 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3821
215-597-4603
Fax: 215-597-1063

Community Development Financial Institutions

Amount: \$100 million
Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Description: These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to underserved communities.

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/>
Contact: U.S. Department of the Treasury
601 Thirteenth Street NW, Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20005
202-8662

Micro-Loan Program

Amount: \$6 million
Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community-based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html>
<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

Contact: Small Business Administration
Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, Room 512
68 Sewall Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207-622-8551

Job Training & Unemployment

Employment Training Services for Adults

Amount: \$500 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services

Amount: \$1.25 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds to provide quality employment and training services to assist individuals in finding employment, and to help employers find the skilled workers.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA_default.cfm?#
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

Employment Training Services for Youths

Amount: \$1.2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

Employment Services

Amount: \$250 million
Type: States will receive formula funds.
Description: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner_Peyser.cfm
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

Dislocated Worker Assistance

Amount: \$200 million
Type: Competitive grants
Office: Employment & Training Administration
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Description: These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

YouthBuild

Amount: \$50 million
Type: Formula funds and competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Description: Provides services for at-risk youth who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.
Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/
Contact: Grace A. Kilbane
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room E-350
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0170
Fax: 617-788-0101

Green Jobs Training

Amount: \$500 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Description: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/>
Contact: John M. Griffin, Jr.
Regional Director
USDOL/ETA/OATELS
J.F.K. Federal Building Room E-370

Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0177
Fax: 617-788-0304
Email: Griffin.John@dol.gov

Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Amount: \$120 million
Type: Formula funds and competitive grants - nonprofits may apply.
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration
Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities for low income seniors.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>
Contact: Diana C. Scully, Director
*Attn: Jim McGrath, SCSEP Program Coordinator
Office of Elder Services
Department of Health & Human Services
State of Maine
11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
207-287-9200
Fax: 207-287-9229
Email: james.mcgrath@maine.gov
Website: www.maine.gov/dhhs/beas/

Job Corps Program

Amount: \$250 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps
Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.
Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>
Contact: Office of Job Corps, Room E-345
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0186
Fax: 617-788-0131
Email: bos_region@jobcorps.gov

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

Amount: Reauthorizes all TAA programs until Dec. 31, 2010, increases funding to states by \$575 million.
Type: Discretionary grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Labor - Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
Description: Fund to help workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries.
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm>
Contact: Mr. John M. Griffin, Jr.
Regional Director
USDOL/ETA/OATELS
J.F.K. Federal Building Room E-370
Boston, MA 02203
617-788-0177
Fax: 617-788-0304
Email: Griffin.John@dol.gov

Health

Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

Amount: \$86.6 billion

Type: Formula funding to states

Agency: State Medicaid offices

Description: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls.

State Funding

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html>
<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html>

Contact: Maine Department of Health and Human Services
73 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330-5505
207-621-0677
Fax: 207-621-0577

Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

Amount: \$1.5 billion

Type: Competitive grants for existing grantees

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care

Description: To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements.

Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Contact: Maine Department of Health and Human Services
73 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330-5505
207-621-0677
Fax: 207-621-0577

Community Health Center Services Grants

Amount: \$500 million was included for Community Health Centers.

Type: Competitive Grants for Existing Grantees

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care

Description: To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare.

Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>

Contact: Maine Department of Health and Human Services
73 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330-5505
207-621-0677
Fax: 207-621-0577

Community Health Center Services Grants - New Access Point Grants

Amount: \$155 million

Type: Grants administered by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Service Administration

Description: Funds to create 126 new Community Health Centers.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>

Facilities Funded: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/applicant.html>

Contact: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

National Health Service Corps

Amount: \$300 million
Type: Competitive grants, scholarships and loan repayment
Office: National Health Service Corps
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration
Description: To fund training for primary healthcare providers in specific health professional in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.
Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>
Contact: 1-800-221-9393 (9 AM. to 5:30 PM EST)
Email: callcenter@hrsa.gov.

Health Care Workforce

Amount: \$200 million
Type: Competitive grants, scholarships and loan repayment
Office: Bureau of Health Professions
Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration
Description: To provide for training of health professions.
Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>
Contact: Maine Department of Health and Human Services
73 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330-5505
207-621-0677
Fax: 207-621-0577

Biomedical Research

Amount: \$8.7 billion
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: National Institutes of Health
Description: To expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases.
Website: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm
Contact: National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
301-496-4000

University Research Facilities

Amount: \$1.3 billion
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources
Purpose: To renovate and equip university research facilities.
Description: Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition research equipment.
Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>
Contact: Division Director
Michael T. Marron, Ph.D
Telephone: 301-435-0755
EMAIL: MARRONM@MAIL.NIH.GOV

Prevention and Wellness Program

Amount: \$950 million was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence-based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs.

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Funds to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/>
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Contact: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-619-0257
Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
286 Water Street
State House Station 11
Augusta, ME 04333-0011
207-287-8016

Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Amount: \$1.1 billion

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose: To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments.

Description: This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose "one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ.

Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Contact: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Office of Communications and Knowledge Transfer
540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000
Rockville, MD 2085

301- 427-1364

Health Information Technology Grants

Amount: \$2 billion

Type: Competitive grants

Office: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: To authorize the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology in order to promote the use and exchange of electronic health information.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Contact: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Health Information Technology Improvements

- Amount:** \$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT).
- Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
- Description:** Hospitals and Physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical agencies.
- Website:** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>
- Contact:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-619-0257
Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

Rural Community Facilities

- Amount:** \$130 million
- Type:** Competitive grants
- Agency:** U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
- Description:** Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
- Website:** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>
- Contact:** Scarborough Area USDA Rural Development Office
306 US Route 1, Suite B-1
Scarborough, ME 04074-9774
207-883-0159
Fax: 207-883-2740/3460

Indian Health Service

- Amount:** \$500 million
- Type:** Funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Director of Indian Health Services.
- Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Description:** Funds to modernize aging hospitals and health clinics and make healthcare technology upgrades to improve healthcare for underserved rural populations.
- Website:** <http://www.ihs.gov/>
- Contact:** Bangor, ME OEHE
130 Cedar Street
Bangor, ME 04401

NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

- Amount:** \$200 million
- Type:** Competitive grants
- Agency:** National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research
- Description:** Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.
- Website:** http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/
- Contact:** National Institutes of Health (NIH)
9000 Rockville Pike

Public Safety

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Amount: \$210 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations, and for other purposes.

Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

Contact: Region I Specialist Bob Waters
Federal Emergency Management Agency
99 High Street, Sixth Floor
Boston, MA 02110 -2320
617-956-7551
Fax: 617-956-7538
Email: bob.waters@dhs.gov

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

Agency: \$2 billion

Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces.

Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance

Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Allocations: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>

Contact: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20531

Maine BJA Programs Office
Contact: Tracy Willis
207-355-1766
TRACEY.WILLIS@USDOJ.GOV

Byrne Competitive Grants Program

Amount: \$225 million

Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces.

Administrator: U.S. Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance

Description: Funds to help states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Contact: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20531

Maine BJA Programs Office
Tracy Willis
Telephone: 207-355-1766
Email: Tracey.Willis@usdoj.gov

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

Agency: \$1 billion
Type: Competitive grant
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.
Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108>
Eligibility: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/chrp/eligibilityanony.aspx>
Contact: Grant Program Specialist - Sponsored/Targeted: Cristina Grossi
202-353-1616
Email: ask.Cops@usdoj.gov

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Amount: \$175 million
Type: Formula funding to state agencies
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women
Description: STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm+www.usdoj.gov/ovw
Contact: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
800 K Street NW, Suite 920
Washington, D.C. 20530
202-307-6026
Fax: 202-305-2589
TTY: 202-307-2277

Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Amount: \$50 million
Type: Competitive grants to states, local government, Indian Tribes, nonprofits and service providers.
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance.
Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm
Contact: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
800 K Street NW, Suite 920
Washington, D.C. 20530
202-307-6026
Fax: 202-305-2589
TTY: 202-307-2277

Victims Compensation

Amount: \$100 million
Type: Formula funding to state agencies
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime

Description: Funding to support state compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of federal and state crimes.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html>
Application: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html>
Contact: Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center
National Criminal Justice Reference Service
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
Tel. 1-800-851-3420 (TTY 1-877-712-9279)

Rural Law Enforcement

Amount: \$125 millions
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Description: The funding is for grants to combat drug-related crime and other law enforcement activities in rural America.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
Contact: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20531

Maine BJA Programs Office
Contact: Tracy Willis
Telephone: 207-355-1766
EMAIL: TRACEY.WILLIS@USDOJ.GOV

Assistance for Tribal Law Enforcement

Amount: \$225 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance
Description: The funding is for grants to construct jails and other law enforcement activities on tribal lands.
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>
Contact: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 Seventh Street NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20531

Maine BJA Programs Office
Contact: Tracy Willis
Telephone: 207-355-1766
Email: Tracey.Willis@usdoj.gov

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

Amount: \$50 million
Type: Formula funding to state agency
Agency: U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Description: Funds to help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.
Website: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>
Contact: OJJDP State Representative
Thomas Murphy, Program Manager
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Child Care

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

Amount: \$2 billion
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Description: Provides subsidized child care services to low-income working families through vouchers or contracts with providers.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html>
Contact: Doug Herbert
Office of Innovation and Improvement
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202
202-205-4500
DOUG.HERBERT@ED.GOV

Head Start / Early Start Programs

Amount: \$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program.
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families
Description: Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.
Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>
Contact: Maine's Child Care and Head Start
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011
207-624-7909
Fax: 207-287-6156
E-Mail: childcare.info@maine.gov

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Amount: \$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services -Administration for Children and Families
Description: Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, food pantry assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment.
Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/>
Contact: Pamela Easton
Community Services Coordinator
Office of Child & Family Services
Maine Department of Health & Human Services
221 State Street
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-287-5002
Fax: 207-287-5282
Email: pamela.easton@maine.gov

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million

Type: Formula funding to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, OESE
Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs
400 Maryland Ave. SW, Rm. 3C-106 LJB
Washington, DC 20202-6132
202-401-0962
Toll-Free Telephone: (800) 872-5327 or (800) USA-LEARN
Fax: 202-260-7764
E-mail: john.mclaughlin@ed.gov

Education

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Amount: \$53.6 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Administrator: State Governors

Description: To provide fiscal relief to the states to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

State Recovery Site: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/state-recovery-page>
[HTTP://WWW.MAINE.GOV/RECOVERY/](http://www.maine.gov/recovery/)

Contact: Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0023
1-888-577-6690

IDEA Special Education

Amount: \$12.2 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Agency: State Departments of Education

Description: To assist states and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0023
1-888-577-6690

Education for the Disadvantaged

Amount: \$13 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Description: Provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with supplemental education funding, especially in high-poverty areas.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/index.html>

Contact: Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0023
1-888-577-6690

Education Technology

Amount: \$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology program.

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: Funds for state, district, and school efforts to integrate technology in the classroom.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
*Spanish speakers available (se habla español)

Vocational Rehabilitation

Amount: \$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants.

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
*Spanish speakers available (se habla español)

Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

Amount: \$300 million

Type: Competitive grants to states and school districts.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education

Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for teachers and principals who raise student achievement.
\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching workforce.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

Contact: U.S. Department of Education, OPE
Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program
1990 K Street NW, Suite 7000
Washington, DC 20006-8500
202-502-7676
Fax: 202-502-7699

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Amount: \$250 million

Type: Competitive grants to states
Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Institute of Education Sciences
Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to improve student achievement.
Website: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>
Contact: Tate Gould - SLDS Coordinator (FY06 & FY09)
Kashka Kubzdela - SLDS Coordinator (FY07)
1990 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20006, USA
202-502-7300

Student Financial Assistance

Amount: \$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.
Type: Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds.
Agency: U.S. Department of Education – Office of Federal Student Aid
Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>
State Funding
Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>
Contact: Federal Student Aid Information Center
1-800 433-3243 or 1-800-4FED-AID

College Work Study

Amount: \$200 million
Type: Formula grants
Description: Funding for part-time employment opportunities to assist students in financing the costs of postsecondary education.
Agency: U.S. Department of Education - Office of Federal Student Aid
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html>
State Funding
Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>
Contact: Federal Student Aid Information Center
1-800-433-3243 or 1-800-4FED-AID

Rural Community Facilities

Amount: \$130 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - State Rural Development Office
Description: Funds to support grants and loans to rural areas for critical community facilities, such as for healthcare, education, fire and rescue, day care, community centers, and libraries.
Website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>
Contact: Scarborough Area USDA Rural Development Office
306 US Route 1, Suite B-1
Scarborough, ME 04074-9774
207-883-0159
207-883-2740/3460

Independent Living State Grants

Amount: \$18.2 million

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Rehabilitation

Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

Contact: Maine State Liaison - Yann Yann Shieh

Email: Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov

202-245-7247

Services for Older Individuals who are Blind

Amount: \$34.3 Million

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Description: Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

State Funding

Amounts: <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>

Rehabilitation

Services: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html>

Contact: Maine State Liaison - Yann Yann Shieh

Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov

202-245-7247

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Amount: \$70 million

Type: Formula funding to states

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation when high unemployment and home foreclosures have created an influx of homeless kids.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

<http://www.state.me.us/education/tdae/>

Contacts: Education for Homeless Children and Youth (Maine)

Jacqueline Soyachak, Federal Programs

Contact: Shelley Reed, Education Specialist

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

207-624-6637

207-624-6624

Email: shelley.reed@maine.gov

Historic Preservation Fund for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Amount: \$15 million

Type: Competitive grants

Agency: National Park Service

Description: These funds will be used for historical preservation grants for historically black colleges and universities.

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery/plans.html#nps>

HBCU Grants: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/index.htm>

Contact: Historic Preservation Grants
National Park Service
1201 "Eye" Street NW (2256)
Washington, DC 20005
202-354-2020

Arts

National Endowment for the Arts Competitive Grants

Amount: \$30 million

Type: Competitive grants (matching requirement waived).

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) - National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

Description: Grants to fund arts projects which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in financial support.

Website: www.nea.gov

Helpful Link: <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

Contact: National Endowment for the Arts
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20506-0001
202-682-5400

Food Assistance

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Amount: \$19.9 billion

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: To supplement states' existing food stamp program.

Description: Funds will temporarily increase benefits provided under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and help cover administrative and management costs.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/snap.htm>

Contact: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/contact_info/hotlines.htm
Maine: 1-800-452-4643

Senior Nutrition Programs

Amount: \$100 million

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."

Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe meals to seniors.

Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/>

Contact: Administration on Aging
John F. Kennedy Bldg., Room 2075
Boston, MA 02203
617-565-1158
Fax: 617-565-4511

School Lunch Program

Amount: \$100 million

Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state.

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/>
Contact: School Support Systems
Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-624-6843
Fax: 207-624-6841

Emergency Food Assistance

Amount: \$150 million
Type: States will receive formula funding.
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.
Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food providers.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>
Contact: Randy Mraz, TEFAP Coordinator
Food Assistance Program
Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Service
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
207-287-7513
Fax: 207-624-5017 or 4704
Email: randy.mraz@maine.gov

Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

Amount: \$500 million
Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary.
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates.
Description: WIC provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk.
Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm>
Contact: [HTTP://WWW.WICFORME.COM](http://www.WICFORME.COM)
Nora Bowne, Director
Maine WIC Nutrition Program
Division of Family Health
Department of Health and Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
1-800-437-9300 or 207-287-3991
Fax: 207-287-3993
Email: Nora.Bowne@maine.gov

Telecommunications

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Amount: \$4.7 billion
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.

Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/grants/grants.htm>

Contact: U.S. Department of Commerce / NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230
202- 482-2000

NTIA/ITS
U.S. Department of Commerce
325 Broadway
Boulder, Colorado 80305-3328

303- 497-3500

Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Amount: \$2.5 billion

Type: Grants and loans

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Utility Service

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.

Website: <http://www.sda.gov/rus/>

Contact: Maine Rural Development
Water and Environmental Programs Staff
PO Box 405
Bangor, ME 04402
207-990-9173

Digital TV Conversion Coupon Program

Amount: \$650 million

Type: Coupons to individuals

Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Description: Funds to continue the coupon program to enable American households to convert from analog television transmission to digital transmission.

Website: <http://www.dtv.gov/>